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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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(37 CFR 1.175)(PTO/SB/51 or 52)
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☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 USC 119)  
(if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
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☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. English Translation of Reissue  
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10. ☐ Small Entity Statement  
☐ Statement filed in prior application  
Status Still proper and desired
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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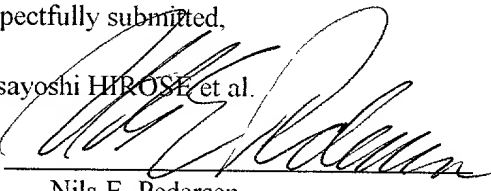
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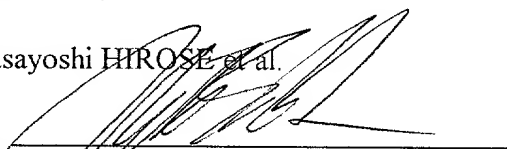
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Sir:

Ebara Corporation, Assignee of U.S. Patent 5,888,126, hereby consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of the U.S. patent.

Ownership of U.S. Patent No. 5,888,126 by Ebara Corporation is established by an Assignment recorded in the Office at reel 7985, frame 0679-0682.

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**STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES, 37 CFR 1.173(c)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the above-referenced reissue application, the status of the claims and the support for the claim changes is hereby presented.

Claims 1-26 are pending. Of such claims, claims 1-21 are unamended. Claims 22-26 are added.

An explanation for the support in the disclosure for the subject matter of claims 22-26 is as follows:

The specification as a whole is directed to a polishing apparatus for polishing a semiconductor wafer to a flat mirror finish, as discussed in the Field of the Invention. The more specific limitations of claim 22 are supported by, for example, the discussion of the top ring beginning at line 35 of column 5. The abrasive cloth is discussed beginning at the line 42 of column 5. Also note the discussion beginning at line 57 of column 5. The specification as a whole discusses the plurality of portions of the abrasive cloth that are individually and

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independently pressed against the wafer. Employing air pressure to do so is specifically discussed in column 11 beginning at line 15. This same section can be found to support the limitations of dependent claims 23 through 25.

The method claim of independent method claim 26 is also supported by the same portions as discussed above.

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